



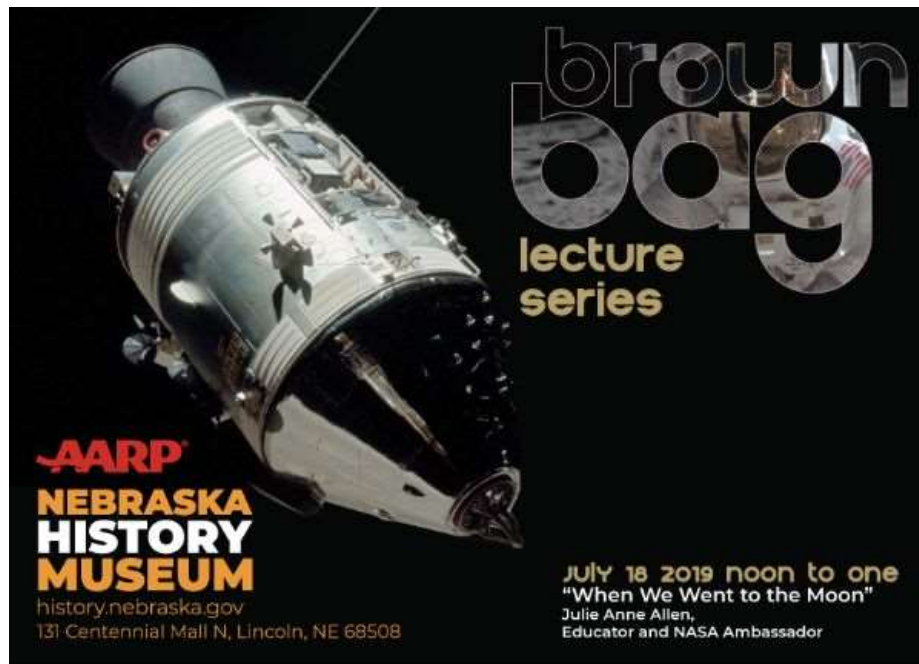
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History Nebraska

Goes to the Moon!

OK, not *literally*. (Though we have been to the Moon Block in Red Cloud.) This month we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with two events, plus online content below. Click the pictures for more info.



The Brown Bag Lecture will be held Thursday, July 18 at noon; the anniversary celebration is Saturday, July 20, 1-4 p.m. Both event are free.



How did Nebraskans react to the first moon landing?

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FOOTPRINTS ON MOON

Astronaut Armstrong Takes Giant Leap for Mankind

Millions of Americans Kept Eyes and Ears On Moon Conquerors

By The Associated Press
They were sitting hours. Americans looked on the moon and watched its rocky surface while millions of their countrymen looked their attention on television and radio sets on a July Sunday that will live in history.

It was also a Sunday on which eagles roared in a California stream, American Goshawk on in Vermont. Bats were seen, highways took their toll, cheerers roared from excited crowds, a Wyoming woman laughed uncontrollably before her son's victory dance.

REFLECTION, PRAYER
For others, there were periods of reflection and prayer.

In her home at Warren, Mass., the widow of rocket pioneer Robert H. Goddard sat alone and watched television as

just jitters. They huddled around tables and a few television sets for news of the exploits of two former sports stars and Edwin S. Aldrin Jr.

CHORUS GATHERED
In Philadelphia, a huge crowd gathered in front of Independence Hall and cheered when Eagle reached the moon's surface.

In Seattle, pregame ceremonies before an American League baseball game between the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota White Sox were interrupted by an announcement of the moon landing. The fans cheered, stood up and said "America the Beautiful."

At Meriden, Conn., a man called the Morning Record and complained he couldn't find a single baseball game on radio or television, noting a fireman-

WHITE HOUSE

Eagle Rockets Off Lunar Surface in Pursuit of Columbia

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It was the first time anything had ever ventured away from the moon.

JOE A. Armstrong and Edwin S. Aldrin Jr. immediately began pursuing the command ship, which is now above the surface with astronaut Michael Collins at the controls.

"BEAUTIFUL, SMOOTH"
"Beautiful. Very smooth," Aldrin commented as Eagle took off from the moon. "A very quiet ride. There's not one bumpy spot here."

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Next Period: After a rest period, the astronauts plan to light up the big command ship engine at 12:12 a.m. Tuesday to start the quarter-million-mile journey back to earth. Splashdown is scheduled at 12:11 p.m. Thursday in the Pacific.

Just hours before Eagle departed, the moon received another visitor. Russia's unmanned Luna 13 landed in the Sea of Crater, 100 miles from the Americans, after orbiting the moon for several days as a mystery mission.

Britain's Zond 5, which relayed Luna's radio transmissions, had been traveling at about 100 m.p.h. when the capsule stopped and "it is unlikely that anything could have survived such an

We've looked through some of our microfilmed newspapers to see what Nebraskans thought about Apollo 11 as it happened. Like everyone else, Nebraskans were impressed, thrilled, awed. But their reactions also show us something of the deeply troubled but hopeful America of 1969. [Keep reading.](#)



Nebraskans didn't go to the moon in 1969, but they did go to the top of the pop charts.

The smash hit by Lincoln duo Zager & Evans sat atop the Billboard Top 100 as Armstrong and Aldrin walked on the moon. Enjoy this groovy video.



History Nebraska partners with *Omaha World-Herald* to publish new book, *24th & Glory*



They were the greatest generation of athletes Nebraska ever produced, and they rose to prominence during the Civil Rights Movement: Bob Boozer, Gale and Roger Sayers, Marlin Briscoe, Ron Boone, Johnny Rodgers, and Bob Gibson.

The *World-Herald* has been printing Dirk Chatelain's 11-part series. It's available [online here](#) for *OWH* subscribers (most of it is behind a paywall, but anyone can read the prologue). We're partnering with the *OWH* to publish the book version. ***24th & Glory: The Intersection of Civil Rights and Omaha's Greatest Generation of Athletes*** will be available August 1.

We're excited to be part of this project. It's an important work of history and journalism (with 150 historic photos), and it's also a great read, so vivid you'll feel as if you've met the people and walked along 24th Street in the 1950s and 1960s, witnessing for yourself all of that era's injustice, hope, and glory.



Sculptor John Lajba and History Nebraska Director & CEO Trevor Jones with the bust of **Thomas Rogers Kimball** at the State Capitol. Kimball was formally inducted into the [Nebraska Hall of Fame](#) on June 25. Lajba said, "I want you to see someone who is very strong, and very driven to celebrate the very idea of architecture."

...and once more to the moon



"I once sat in a quiet Nebraska living room on a Sunday afternoon, sipping beer with a man who, after talking about his impressions of the televised moon walk, could begin the next sentence with, 'When I was a deckhand to Captain Marsh on the *Expansion*...' Because of something I had just read I realized, with a jolt, that he meant Captain Grant Marsh, whose steamer *The Far West* brought home the wounded survivors of Major Reno's command after the Custer battle. It was a few moments before I regained my equilibrium."

—Dick Cavett, in his introduction to John G. Neihardt's memoir, *All Is But a Beginning* (1972). After that conversation, Cavett, a Lincoln native, hosted Neihardt on his TV talk show.



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Nebraskans react to moon landing, July 20, 1969

June 28, 2019

By David L. Bristow, Editor



July 20 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first moon landing. Here at History Nebraska, we've looked through some of our microfilmed newspapers to see what Nebraskans thought about it at the time.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reported surprisingly little reaction on launch day, July 16. "In one downtown restaurant-bar, only 10 persons moved from counter or dining tables to view the TV set tuned to the liftoff." The bartender thought this was a sign of confidence. He said, "We've had so much success everybody seems to feel there's no sweat over this one."

Good Afternoon
Omaha-Council Staffs-Chance
of Thunderstorms. Low tonight.
78 to 75, high Thursday near 90.

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City Faces 3½-4 Pct. Sales Tax Increase by State Awaits Action

Councilmen in Omaha soon may be paying a city-wide sales tax rate of 3.5 to 4 per cent.

The Omaha sales tax bill was introduced at City Hall Tuesday as a Council majority of four voted for a 1 per cent retail assessment, effective October 1.

The Legislature hasn't acted on the state percentage but most leaders expect a sales tax hike of one-half to 1 per cent. The current tax is 3 per cent.

Mayor Ertel said Wednesday he "still has reached no decision" as to whether to vote the 1 per cent assessment.

Under the City Charter, he has seven days to vote, approve, or let the ordinance go into effect without his signature. It takes five council votes to overturn a vote.

Talk It Over
The mayor said he hopes to have a statement on the issue Tuesday. In the meantime, he said, he will be discussing the tax increase with council members.

The mayor said he hasn't had a chance yet to analyze Councilman Bradley's analysis of city spending proposals.

Omaha is the first Nebraska city to act under the new law giving municipalities authority to levy sales taxes.

Then, Omaha would add its 1 per cent to the state's 3.5 to 4 per cent. The state would collect all of the money, returning the city portion.

Arthur D. Bradley Jr., 43, vice, L. E. Smith and Betty Abbott made up the coalition which rejected the one-half per cent tax, starting January 1, and

Female-Domination Fighter Goes to Check With His Wife

Ann Arbor, Mich. (AP) — KANE Samra, the founder of TEAM, thinks women are okay, as long as they stay in their place.

TEAM? The Society for the Enhancement of the American Male. Some 230 strong, according to Samra.

Samra bought TEAM into being last April, after, he said, observing countless instances of family disorders. That, he believes, were directly attributable to the increasing dominance of the female.

Samra admits to the adoption of a humorous approach in spreading the word of the founding of TEAM, but he adds: "I think at the heart of most family disorders is a good deal of seriousness."

"What we're basically trying to do is stimulate some discussion and to get people to think about this thing in terms of the family."

He said the family is worth preserving and if the husbands have gone too far then possibly this is one of the reasons why the family is being torn apart.

Basically, Samra says, he believes that if there were more father-oriented homes there would be fewer problems with the children raised in them.

Samra, 38, who grew up in a Lebanese family where he said father was definitely boss, says TEAM has some female adherents.

"That," he added after a long pause, "they joined our father's society. We'd better make that clear. However, they say the same, hi."

Samra apparently has failed, in some extent, in riding his own horse of feminist influence.

When a woman asked him if he would permit his wife, Kathleen, to be interviewed, he quickly replied: "Just a minute. I'll ask her."

Long's Defeat Adds Tax Fight Bitterness

By John Jarrell
LAWYER JOHN LONG, who recently lost his Senate seat, said the emotional defeat over the sales tax issue has added a thread of bitterness concentrated largely within the Democratic majority.

It is based largely on the determination of Democratic leadership to hold up the sales tax bill, perhaps for months, until a so-called "tax relief" package is ready to be taken up at the same time.

This is contrary to Republican wishes, reflecting administration policy, to take up the sales tax extension promptly and to take up a broad tax bill later.

Beyond that, it also reflects a willingness with business and some Democratic leadership.

was a blow to Long, a 11-year Senate veteran.

Recently the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, which, until comparatively recently, had a meeting at which it was decided that the sales tax extension, which the administration wants desperately as an anti-inflation measure, should not be taken up by the Senate until it can be done "simultaneously" with tax reform.

"If the (policy) committee is going to tell us (the Finance Committee) what to do," is the way Long prefaced one series of remarks to the Senate.

His comment, Mansfield pointed to say, the policy committee didn't do that — it

Roar Heard Round World Signals Next Stop Is Moon



There she goes! . . . Apollo 11 blasts off as crowds watch.

Historic Step On Luna Set For Monday

Cape Kennedy, Fla. (AP) — Launching for a dream, America's Apollo 11 astronauts blasted across the vastness of space Wednesday on an attempt to land two men on the moon.

Craft commander Neil A. Armstrong, 38, Air Force Col. Edgar S. Aldrin Jr., and Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Collins

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blasted away from the entrance of earth's gravity at 12:38 a.m. EDT as a jarring rocket blast shot them out of orbit and sent them winging toward the moon.

The spacecraft had reached 30 miles in altitude at the end of the five-minute, ground-based burn.

Go Ahead, Flashed
The power in loud three-way antennas from the third stage of the Saturn 5 rocket which had shot them from Cape Kennedy with a roar heard round the world on radio and TV.

For 2½ hours, the astronauts had orbited the earth, checking the opening day before the mission control center in Houston flashed the go-ahead.

The first of the eight stages increased their speed from about 17,000 to 34,000 miles per hour, enough to break the grip of earth's gravity.

"The Saturn gave us a tremendous ride," radioed Armstrong. During their first hours in

But everyone was glued to their TV when the *Eagle* landed on Sunday, July 20. Even Boys Town let the boys stay up past bedtime, and many people took off work Monday to watch the lunar blast-off for the homeward flight.

Like people everywhere, many Nebraskans found the experience beyond their powers of description.

"It would probably take a week of thought to express adequately what one feels about it," Ralston attorney Joseph J. Vance told the *World-Herald*.

"Events defied eloquence," said the *Scottsbluff Star-Herald*, as men "walked on the moon while most of the whole family of man watched in 'real time.'"

The worldwide TV broadcast was nearly as much of a technological marvel as the flight itself.

"It was sensational, really amazing how beautiful the pictures appeared from the telecasts," Mayor Ed Vrzal told the *Norfolk Daily News*. "It looks as if nothing is impossible now."

Man Reaches Moon!



SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — They took their first steps onto the moon cautiously, like prudent boys testing the first ice of winter on a misty pond.

When first they walked, they walked carefully and slowly, leaning forward, plodding heavily like tired old men on a beat in Boston.

As they gained confidence, they walked faster, now with a slow bounce in the one-sixth gravity of the moon. And then they ran and their stride was longer than on earth and their shoes seemed suspended all the strange lunar surface, with something of the floating quality of figures on new cotton flims.

Very tall

When they were still, they seemed very still, as if frozen, and they leaned forward like puppets in a puppet show of attention when the president spoke to them from earth.

All the while, the earth was "bright and beautiful" above them. In this first incredible day of its incredible new era, one month to repeat that: the earth was above them.

In the distance, the lunar surface looked pocked and bumpy like the back of a dead alligator. Closer up, it looked like rubble, like earth leveled roughly after a disaster, dead.

They looked glumly at the moonline, airless, nearly colorless moon. Over the curving horizon, only one and a half miles away on a planet smaller than earth, there was the blackness of space and infinity. The background was starkly lit by the sun and the sun and their vehicle cast long shadows. It was dawn on the moon and a dawn in the history of man.

Neil Alden Armstrong, 38, son of Bill West Boston 12, Weymouth, a town in Ohio, a state in the United States, a country on the planet earth, extended his left foot onto the moon.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," he said. "The first words were fine. History would be con- sidered."

Bertie Fendley

Now for the scientists: "The surface is fine and powdery. It adheres like charcoal to the soles of my shoes. You go down only about an inch."

And for the doctors: "There seems to be no difficulty in moving around."

And for the geologists and the biologists and the others making the age of the solar system and the secret of life be immediately began collecting "contingency" samples of rock. "Contingency" is in case he had to leave in a hurry.

And then Aldrin came down, the second man on the surface of the moon. And together they walked and ran like kids at recess and then like men with the responsibility of the ages they went to work.

They gathered rocks, they set up a tall post to measure the solar wind, they installed a sun- nometer to probe the interior of the moon, they set up a small mirror to reflect laser beams from earth, to measure the quarter million miles between the two planets to an accuracy of six inches. And they planted the flag of their country on the old face of the moon.

Anything for us?

Finally, Aldrin to Earth: "Anything for us before I head up?"

Earth: "Negative. Head on up the ladder, Ben."

Ben was first up. Armstrong stayed a few minutes longer, carefully guiding the hoisting of the rock beam like the last ju- ror off an island with a load of gold. Then Armstrong climbed up, the captain being the last to return from alien land.

And now the moon was motionless again. All that remained was the landing craft, looking like a narcoleptic crab, and the scientific instruments, and the American flag frozen in arrested motion, and in the air- less the mystery of the moon began to end for scientists and the mystique of the moon be- gan to end for poets and lovers.

Through the magic of televi- sion, an estimated 600 million people around the world had a rugged view in man's greatest adventure.

It was unforgettable.

Armstrong climbed through the LM hatch and started knock- ing down a nine-ring ladder. On the second rung from the bot- tom, he opened a compartment, exposing a television camera.

Second history

The picture was black and white and somewhat jerky, but it recorded history.

Among scientists, there was elation that the crew had landed in an area with a variety of rocks, a treasure that held at least the hope of a rich payoff in the search to learn more about moon and earth.

As Armstrong placed his six 6's left foot on the powdery sur- face at 10:56 p.m. Sunday, he spoke words that will be re- membered for all time: "That's one small step for man, a giant leap for mankind."

The camera trained on Aldrin as he stepped on the far shore 28 minutes later and exclaimed: "Beautiful! Beautiful! Magnificent desolation."

There were other memorable utterances during the day of (Turn to Page 4, Col. 6)

Russia Lands

99 YEARS OF SERVICE...

The Grand Island Daily Independent 24 Pages

PARSLY CLOUTY

Many people expressed feelings of patriotism. "The proudest moment for me was seeing our flag on the moon," said 17-year-old Marlene Alben, a student attending summer classes at Omaha Central High School.

Older Nebraskans often spoke of technological change. On launch day, the *Kearney Hub* reported that "George Munro, long-time Kearney attorney and World War I aircraft pilot, remarked that 'there is quite a difference between the old wrecks we thought were wonderful with their baling wire, and the machinery of today.'"

After the moon landing, the *North Platte Telegraph* commented that rancher Byron Sellers Sr. of Wellfleet "was pretty 'far-out' in 1918 when he purchased one of Lincoln County's first Model T Fords." In 1916 Sellers and his new bride rode away from the church in a horse and buggy. "To see such an advancement in a lifetime is overwhelming," he said.

"It makes you sit down and wonder what will be happening in the next generation and what effect it will have on their lives," Washington County Clerk Lucille Poulson of Blair told the *World-Herald*.

Attorney Wade Stevens of McCook had been a flight instructor during World War I. "Stevens was doubtful about spending the billions of dollars needed to reach the moon," the *World-Herald* said. "But he said the knowledge gained could eventually mean travel to other planets."

Father Floyd Wessling of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk believed the resulting scientific advancement would help the world's underdeveloped countries, and that the "United States will try to develop the moon as much as possible, before moving the quest to other planets."

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Old Era Passes With Conquest of Moon

Moon Rocks May Solve Mysteries

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — It is the first field trip to the moon. And hard facts will come at last from the rocks it collected. To scientists, this is the great significance of Apollo 11's bold voyage, conducted by two astronauts trained to be careful, observant geologists during 21 hours on the moon. That they were. The rocks and dirt they are bringing home will start answering great questions: How long have there been life on the moon, how was it? Is the moon's interior molten like the earth's, producing earthquakes and volcanoes, or is it dead?

Thomas Clark, from the University of Texas at Austin, said he would like to see the rocks. "I'd like to see the rocks," he said. "I'd like to see the rocks," he said. "I'd like to see the rocks," he said.

Armstrong, Aldrin, Collins Cut Lunar Orbit, Head Home

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — An Apollo moon explorer shot themselves out of lunar orbit this morning and began the 28,000-mile journey home to earth. At 12:27 a.m. EDT, while on the backside of the moon and out of radio contact with earth, they fired their spacecraft's big engine for 2 minutes 29 seconds. The jelling burst of power (3,000 p.s.f., enough to break) the bonds of lunar gravity and send them on a great arc toward earth. Ten minutes later, Apollo 11 resumed radio contact and the world knew that Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. and Michael Collins were heading for a safe haven in the Pacific on Thursday.

Behind them, they left the lunar tide crash around Earth that carried Armstrong and Aldrin to the surface of the moon and a towering place in history.

The docking with the command module was completed at 1:30 a.m. just a little more than three hours after Armstrong and Aldrin reached the moon's surface.

They were together again for the first time in 27 hours and 45 minutes, a little more than a day. But it was a day full of history and promise.

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Solos Complete First Round Work On Highway Bills

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Parliament has completed the first round of work on the package of 13 highway bills, designed to speed the nation's ailing road system.

The bills, which are expected to be passed by the end of the month, will provide for a new £12 million fund to help states with money shortages.

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Water Woes At Chadron To End Soon

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Scottsbluff Jaycees to Host Statewide Summer Confab

Scottsbluff Jaycees and the community will be hosting a three-day statewide Jaycee conference beginning Friday.

The conference will be held at the Scottsbluff Jaycee Center, which is located on the corner of 10th and Main streets.

... Thirty

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Little Change In Weather Over Area

Forecasters say there'll be very little change in the area weather pattern today.

The weather will be partly cloudy with some rain or a few showers.

But many people expressed ambivalence. "It's a terrific chance they're taking," said Mrs. Michael Milobar, an Omaha housewife. "If they help the world I'm for them, but right now I'm not sure we belong up there. I feel for the fellows."

Rev. Martin Gruenke, assistant pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney, told the *Kearney Hub* that the landing was "one of man's greatest feats of the century and I praise God for it," but added that the nation should "rechannel some of our efforts to the physical and spiritual needs here."

Serving the local African American community, the weekly *Omaha Star's* only coverage of the moon landing was a report on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's "Moon-Hunger Protest" in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Ralph Abernathy and Hosea Williams had been jailed during the Charleston Hospital Workers' strike. The men said their two-week fast was a protest not against space flight, but against the government's unwillingness to "tackle the job of eliminating poverty with the same degree of zeal that they have utilized in assuring America the position of being first in the space race."

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Man's Step on Moon Is Giant Leap for Mankind

Apollo Brings Pride, Disbelief

By The Associated Press

Nebraskans watched in fascination Sunday night as man took the first step upon the moon.

Feelings ranged from pride in the accomplishment of Apollo 11 to an awed feeling of near disbelief that the event telecast from the lunar surface actually was occurring.

"There weren't more than three of our cars going by all evening," said an Omaha area resident. "Everybody in the neighborhood is still watching television."

The Star Patrol confirmed that traffic had been noticeably lighter than usual Sunday evening.

"I can't say anything other than 'impressive,'" commented Gerald Goodwin, a factory employee from Omaha. "It is the greatest thing I have ever seen. I didn't think I would ever see this."

"I find it kind of fantastic. I would never have believed it," said Edward Slater, an Omaha restaurant owner. "I hope it does something for the future, not only for peace on earth but throughout the universe."

A. P. Dahl of York was a supervisor in charge of overhauling motors on World War I training planes at Kelly Field in Texas.

Kearneyites, reacting in the same manner as others throughout the state, nation and world, experienced awe and amazement Monday morning at the accomplishment of Apollo 11 and its moon landing Sunday evening which was viewed by nearly everyone on nationwide television.

Several Kearneyites were contacted Monday by The Hub for their reactions to the historic event.

Dr. Glen Underhill, professor of physics at Kearney State College, remarked:

"Man's 4th step into space."

Safe Blastoff Takes Eagle Into Its Orbit

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two Americans blasted off from the moon today, reaching the relative safety of lunar orbit and leaving their two-prize in the lunar dust and in the history of man.

It was the first time anything had ever returned away from the moon.

Just hours before Eagle departed, the moon remained another visitor. Russia's unmanned Luna 13 landed in the Sea of Crater, 800 miles from the Americans, after orbiting the moon for several days in a solitary mission.

Boulder's Jostell Bank Observatory reported Luna's radio transmitting device had been beaming at about 100 m.p.h. when the signal stopped and "it is unlikely that anything could have survived such an impact."

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"Shadows," he called out at last.

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Underlying many Nebraskans' comments was a recognition that the country was deeply divided and that the world was a profoundly troubled place. The moon landing prompted a mixture of awe, reverence, and hope that somehow this stunning event promised better times to come.

"I hope it does something for the future, not only for peace on earth but throughout the universe," said Edward Slater, an Omaha restaurant cashier.

A.P. Dahl of York echoed this thought as he told the *Kearney Hub* about his World War I job of overhauling "Roarin' 90s," the 90-horsepower motors on training planes. "Who knows," he said, "maybe those astronauts will find something that will make peace possible in this world. We can't stand still."

What would the future bring? "In the year 2525," sang Lincoln duo Zager & Evans in the reigning US number-one hit single, "if man is still alive, if woman can survive..."—*if*.

The *Scottsbluff Star-Herald* hoped that "the awe and admiration that were so fully apparent Sunday will become permanent additions to man's religious instinct. We hope that man will be able to hold onto that feeling of being part of the human family. We hope that man will take heart from the accomplishment of the 'impossible' and zero in on other impossible tasks such as conquest of cancer, elimination of poverty, and abolition of war."



Eagle Heads Back!

By HOWARD BENDER

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two Americans floated off from the moon today, reaching the relative safety of lunar orbit and leaving their footprints in the lunar dust and in the history of man.

It was the first time anything had ever rocketed away from the moon.

Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin A. Aldrin Jr. immediately began pursuing the command ship, orbiting 30 miles above the surface with astronaut Michael Collins at the controls.

"Beautiful. Very smooth," Aldrin commented as Eagle took off from the moon. "A very quiet ride. There's that one crater ahead of them."

"We're a little bit of view widening here," he said later.

"Shutdown," he called out as the engine stopped.

"Green." Mission Control said and reported Eagle took off from the moon. "A very quiet ride. There's that one crater ahead of them."

They had to catch Collins in a 2½-hour chase to get back to earth. Their lunar vehicle was not built to take them home. Collins was spring loaded to speed to the moon if something should go wrong with the lunar lander called Eagle.

"Roger," understood we're in No. 1 on the money," Aldrin said minutes before the blastoff.

A fiery burst from a small engine propelled Armstrong and Aldrin off the moon at 10:34 a.m. CST, ending man's first exploration of another celestial body. They had camped at the base named Tranquility for 21 hours 31 minutes, raising the banner of their nation above it and halting a dream of the ages. Some minutes 10 minutes after the blastoff, Eagle's cables twisted around into a low lunar orbit. The bottom half of the vehicle, with the landing legs, served as a launching pad and was left on the moon.

The command ship Columbia, and Eagle, had worked in close radio harmony on the orbital firing needed. Precisely 40 seconds after Collins started over the landing site, Armstrong and Aldrin took off.

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ON THE WAY — This NASA drawing shows how the lunar module appeared when it blasted off the moon's surface.

READY FOR HOME — This is an artist's conception of how the lunar and command modules of the Apollo 11 moon mission appear after the lunar module docks.

Armstrong climbed through the LHM hatch and started working down a steering ladder. On the second rung from the bottom, he opened a compartment, exposing a television camera.

The picture was black and white and somewhat jerky, but it recorded history.

Among legends, there was vision that the crew had landed in an area with a variety of rocks, a feature that held as basic the edge of a rock parcel in the search to learn more about moon and earth.

An Armstrong photo of his ascent, left hand on the pendency surface at 9:14 a.m. Sunday, he spoke words that will be remembered for all time. "That's one small step for man, a giant leap for mankind."

The camera looked on Aldrin as he stepped on the far shore to examine tape and exclaimed: "Beautiful! Beautiful! Magnificent destination."

There were other memorable utterances during the day of high adventure.

There were Armstrong's words, when Eagle separated from the command ship to start the descent. "The Eagle is flying."

There were Armstrong's and Aldrin's first words from the moon's surface after touchdown at 4:10 p.m. "Houston. Tranquility here now. The Eagle has landed."

Or when Aldrin, a deeply religious man, relayed this message to the world shortly after the landing. "This is the LHM pilot. I'd like to wish the moon's people a safe return."

Through the magic of television, an estimated 500 million people around the world had a glimpse into man's greatest adventure. It was unprecedented.

Moon Prospectors

Astronauts Edwin Aldrin, left, and Neil Armstrong gather rock samples in simulation of moon activities that really took place yesterday. Color photo taken in training session has mooncape filled in by AP artist. For photos from moon, see page 9.

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In similar ways, many newspaper editorials combined religious and technological references, and reporters sought comment disproportionately from clergy and old pilots. It's curious, too, the way the Nebraska press echoed hippie themes of peace and brotherhood.

"Come on people now," sang the Youngbloods in a top-five hit that summer, "smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love one another right now."

The "petty bickering, the jealousies, the hatreds among human beings and their sovereigns suddenly appear in all their pettiness when viewed against a moon that now has been visited by their representatives," said the *Lincoln Evening Journal*. The editors hoped that the astronauts "somehow might inspire all humans to a deeper dedication to the performance of their own paramount function of living together in harmony."

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First Footprints on an Alien World Mark a 'Giant Leap for Mankind; Moon Is a 'Magnificent Desolation'

Explorers Find Soil Fine, Firm

By the Associated Press

"The surface is fine and powdery, like powdered sugar," said the pilot of the lunar module. "I can see my footprints in the fine particles." Astronaut Armstrong said as his boots touched the lunar surface.

He stepped first onto one of the four sunken-like humps of his spacecraft. Then, with the moon, he was in the history of lunar exploration as the camera caught the sight of his left foot, size 10, pressing into the lunar soil.

Armstrong said the spacecraft's footprints had pressed only as deep as two inches into the soil. The first week only a "small" footprint—about as deep as an inch—was it, he said.

The first steps were cautious in the uncertain gravity of the moon, but he quickly reported, "There is no trouble to walk about."

'Very Pretty'

"It has a stark beauty all its own," Armstrong said. "It's 66 terms, but it's very pretty out here."

The television camera on the side of the Eagle was on him constantly.

When first he emerged from the spacecraft, slowly, cautiously, looking out the world waited, and waited. He took repeated breathers from his oxygen tank. "Plenty of room to your left," he said.

"How am I doing?" he asked. "Fine, fine, fine," he was answered. Then he told Mission Control, "Okay, I'm on the porch." It was 9:30 p.m.

Geese Leap

After he signed the television camera, the picture of his feet swinging, immediately groping for the ladder rung, could be seen clearly.

Moment later as he touched the surface, his boots and suit straps to exposed phosphorus in the sunlight, his white suit blinding. His movements were not of grace, almost large leaps almost like a slow-motion kangaroo. Repeatedly, he returned to the spacecraft to perform his steady duties.

Astronaut AS10, who stepped onto the moon 28 minutes after Armstrong, fired a kind of hand-gun-like, but fired it unimportantly.

The so-called kangaroo hop turned to Page 1, Column 1

Heat Shield Cuts Omaha's Misery

Heavy rains and temperatures falling into the 60s created Omaha and Council Bluffs residents to a pleasant surprise.

The two cities had a high Sunday afternoon of 81, but by 1 a.m. today the mercury had fallen to 60.

The pleasant weather was a change over high humidity, hot temperatures and heavy rain of recent days.

Today, forecasters said, is as good as bringing high 60s to 80s, with a possible sunburst.

Traffic Fatalities

Deaths, July 20, 1969 1968
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Nebraska 20 21
Western Iowa 20 21
In All Iowa 276 281

Temperatures

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Moon here at same angle

Aldrin, Armstrong and Stars and Stripes on Moon



The Crew: Armstrong, Left, Aldrin and Collins



Gleeful Mrs. Armstrong Cries, 'Good, Good, Good'

Spokane, Wash. (AP)—

Armstrong's wife, who was in the audience, said she was crying with joy.

"I can't believe it is really happening," Mrs. Armstrong said as she watched the Apollo 11 commander climb down the ladder of the lunar module.

"That's the big step," she said as he placed one foot on the moon's surface.

She also had some witty advice.

"Be descriptive now," she said when Armstrong told her moon dust stuck to his boots.

"It seems like a dramatic TV show," said Mrs. Aldrin. "That it seems surreal."

When Aldrin jumped off the last step of the lunar ladder, she repeated the word, "Everyone in the Aldrin home was shouting and hollering."

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astronauts were present. Mrs. Armstrong said she didn't consider the moon landing the greatest moment of her life.

"That was when we were married," said the experienced wife of the Apollo 11 commander.

"I was tremendously excited," she said. "It is a marvelous thing when we have succeeded landing on the moon."

Despite intermittent rain, Mrs. Aldrin joined a large group of

renewed and photographers under the tenting out and stars of her town.

"I was so happy," said Mrs. Aldrin. "I will not be able to believe it."

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2 Americans Unfurl Flag, Fulfill Dream

By the Associated Press

Man came to the moon and walked its dead surface Sunday, July 20, 1969. Two men, wearing American flags sewn to their left shoulders, landed on the Sea of Tranquility at 3:15 p.m. CDT. Six hours later, both stepped to the lunar surface.

The first was Neil Alden Armstrong, 38, of Wapakoneta, Ohio. He set foot on the moon's alien soil at 9:56 p.m. His first words were, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

It was Armstrong's left foot—shod in a space boot six inches wide, 13 inches long, and with a zigzag sole tread—that impacted first.

Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., 39, of Monticello, N.J., followed at 10:16 p.m. He said, "Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful. A magnificent desolation."

'Came in Peace'

Armstrong read from the plaque on the side of the spacecraft. In a steady voice, he proclaimed, "Here man first set foot on the moon, July, 1969. We came in peace for all mankind."

At 10:42 p.m. CDT they unfurled the Stars and Stripes and it stood in the airless, wireless atmosphere of the moon, held taut by a rod along the top.

Millions on their home planet 240,000 miles away watched on television as the astronauts saluted the flag, and ascended the lunar surface.

President Nixon's voice came to the ears of the astronauts on the moon from the Oval Room at the White House.

"I just can't tell you how proud I am . . . because of what you have done for the human race. You are a part of man's world. As you talk to us from the Sea of Tranquility, it inspires us to redouble our efforts to bring peace and tranquility to man."

"All the people on Earth are surely one in their pride of what you have done, and one in their prayers that you will return safely . . ."

Aldrin replied, "Thank you, Mr. President. It is a privilege to represent the people of all peaceful nations." Armstrong added his thanks.

The astronauts explored the lunar surface for one hour and 24 minutes. Both reported they were back in their spacecraft at 12:11 CDT today (Monday). "The hatch is closed and locked," Armstrong reported.

The landing on the moon was the fruition of a national goal declared by the late President John F. Kennedy. The fulfillment cost \$24 billion.

'Pause, Contemplate'

Armstrong's stop was a dramatic moment in a day jammed with such moments—the landing itself, and Armstrong's superb calm when he overrode the automatic pilot of the lunar lander which was taking the spacecraft toward a boulder field, and manually steered himself and Aldrin, an Air Force colonel, free of almost certain disaster.

Eagle landed on the moon at 3:15 p.m. CDT while Michael Collins—the moon ship stop

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Inside Capsule

Heaviest fighting since 1967 is reported along the Suez Canal as Arabs and Israelis claim large numbers of Egyptian aircraft.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., is being cited for an automobile accident in which a woman secretary was killed. If an application for a license is made within 24 hours, he will face a complaint of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

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